

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
INFORMATION UPDATE - 298
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Policy paper - Fostering better outcomes (20/07/18)

Government response to the Foster Care in England report and the Education Select Committee's inquiry into fostering.

Sir Martin Narey and Mark Owers's independent review of the fostering system in England was published by the DfE on 6 February 2018. This document sets out the government's response to that report and to the Education Select Committee's inquiry into fostering.

The response sets out the steps we are taking to improve the outcomes and well-being of children in care. It is accompanied by a young people's version which describes how we are responding to their calls for improvements to fostering services.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fostering-better-outcomes>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foster-care-in-england>

Plans to help children in foster care experience loving and stable homes (20/07/18)

Children and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi announces new measures to improve foster care, as part of the government's response to two fostering reviews.

Foster families are to receive clearer advice on physical affection so that they can feel more confident to hug and comfort the children in their care, as the

Government sets out new measures to help children in foster care experience loving and stable homes.

The new plans published today focus on the experiences and outcomes for children in foster care, helping to support those who may have had a difficult start to lead fulfilling and normal lives.

Foster families will also be empowered to make more day-to-day decisions in the best interests of the children in their care, including simple but important things like being able to take children to get their haircut, allowing them to go on school trips or to be able to go over to friends' houses.

The DfE will also explore ways digital technology can enhance the foster care system and consider how it could help tackle challenges such as recruiting more families to become foster parents and have access to training and resources to support these families.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-to-help-children-in-foster-care-experience-loving-and-stable-homes>

International early learning and child wellbeing (08/08/18)

Information about the international early learning and child wellbeing study (IELS) in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-early-learning-and-child-wellbeing>

Children and young people's mental health: focus group research (08/08/18)

Reports from 3 organisations that were funded by DHSC to research people's views about the proposals in the green paper.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-focus-group-research>

School culture and practice: supporting disadvantaged pupils (08/08/18)

Research comparing cultures and practices to support disadvantaged pupils' attainment in high and lower performing schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-culture-and-practice-supporting-disadvantaged-pupils>

Special educational needs in England: January 2018 (08/08/18)

Information from the school census on pupils with SEN, and SEN provision in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england-january-2018>

Projects to improve education for children with additional needs (06/08/18)

Children taught in alternative provision are set to benefit from new projects to help them fulfil their potential, including work placements, careers advice and behaviour mentoring.

School Standards Minister Nick Gibb has announced 9 innovative schemes to benefit from a £4m fund to develop new ways of improving alternative provision, to support children educated outside of

mainstream or special schools and help them succeed later in life.

Evidence shows children educated in alternative provision are less likely to achieve good GCSE grades and are less likely to be in education, employment or training post-16. The projects announced today aim to tackle these injustices by supporting children back into mainstream education when it is suitable, encouraging parents and carers to be more involved in their child's education, helping young people make good academic progress, and moving on to further education or employment.

From September the projects are set to improve outcomes through literacy and maths tutoring, summer holiday activities to support transition to further education, and the introduction of robots to enable children in hospital to participate virtually in lessons. Other schemes include parent and carer coaching to improve involvement in education and mental health support, helping young people to build positive relationships.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/projects-to-improve-education-for-children-with-additional-needs>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/projects-to-improve-education-for-children-with-additional-needs>

Working together to safeguard children (01/08/18)

Statutory guidance on inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children (small error corrected)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

Permanent and fixed-period exclusions in England: 2016 to 2017 (06/08/18)

Levels of permanent and fixed-period exclusions by school type, including information on reasons for exclusions and exclusion review panels.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-in-england-2016-to-2017>

Child death overview panels: contacts (02/08/18)

Contact details of the people in CDOPs who are responsible for receiving child death notifications.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-death-overview-panels-contacts>

Multimillion investment in early years education and boost social mobility (01/08/18)

Education Secretary sets his vision to support a child's early years development, in his first major speech on social mobility

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/multimillion-investment-in-early-years-education-and-boost-social-mobility>

Education Secretary sets vision for boosting social mobility (31/07/18)

Damian Hinds speaks at Resolution Foundation about closing the attainment gap by tackling the 'last taboo' of education - the home learning environment.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/education-secretary-sets-vision-for-boosting-social-mobility>

Free holiday activities and meals for disadvantaged families (27/07/18)

Children and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi announces funding for thousands

of families to benefit from free healthy meals and activities in the summer holidays.

by £2m of government funding, will be run across the country including the North East, Birmingham and London, providing activities such as free football classes, play sessions and cooking classes.

These projects, running across the summer, will also provide free meals for the most disadvantaged families who may rely on the free school meals they receive during term time.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/free-holiday-activities-and-meals-for-disadvantaged-families>

Response to the select committee report on the children and young people's mental health green paper (25/07/18)

Government response to the joint report of the Education and Health and Social Care Committees on 'Transforming children and young people's mental health provision: a green paper'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/response-to-the-select-committee-report-on-the-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-green-paper>

Transforming children and young people's mental health provision: a green paper (25/07/18)

This consultation has concluded

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transforming-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-provision-a-green-paper>

New Council for Internet Safety in the UK (26/07/18)

The Government has taken the first step to establish a new UK Council for Internet Safety.

Expanding the scope of UKCCIS, and guided by the government's Internet Safety Strategy, UKCIS will work to improve the online safety of everyone in the UK, particularly the needs of groups who are often disproportionately targets of online abuse.

Today the Government has opened the application process to appoint members of the UKCIS Executive Board, offering experienced and committed organisations or individuals the chance to help make the UK the safest place in the world to be online.

UKCIS will bring together a partnership of more than 200 organisations representing government, regulators, industry, law enforcement, academia and charities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-council-for-internet-safety-in-the-uk>

Special educational needs survey 2019: guide (23/07/18)

Guide for LAs completing returns for the 2019 special educational needs survey, commonly known as SEN2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/special-educational-needs-survey-2019-guide>

Data protection: privacy notice model documents (20/07/18)

Suggested privacy notices for schools and LAs to issue to staff, parents and pupils about the collection of data.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-and-privacy-privacy-notices>

Young people NEET or activity unknown: comparative data scorecard (19/07/18)

Data about young people's education, employment or training status in each LA in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/young-people-neet-comparative-data-scorecard>

Think Autism strategy: governance refresh 2018 (25/07/18)

The way that the Department of Health and Social Care and other organisations monitor the progress of the autism strategy has been updated.

The 19 objectives of the Think Autism strategy have been grouped under the following headings:

- Measuring, understanding and reporting needs of autistic people
- Workforce development
- Health, care and wellbeing
- Specific support
- Participation in local community

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/think-autism-strategy-governance-refresh-2018>

Support for children of alcohol dependent parents: guidance and application forms (08/08/18)

How non-governmental organisations can apply for funding under section 64 of the Health Services and Public Health Act.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-children-of-alcohol-dependent-parents-guidance-and-application-forms>

Services for young people work best when they focus on young people's rights and listen to what they say they need (24/07/18)

Services to support young people are continuing to deliver their important work, despite a difficult economic climate, cuts to funding and competing strategic priorities. In a report published today, Estyn found that the best youth support services are those based on professional youth work practice. This is where services focus on the rights and individual needs of young people, offering activities in a safe environment where they can create healthy relationships, build new friendships, learn useful skills and gain new experiences.

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/news/service-s-young-people-work-best-when-they-focus-young-people%E2%80%99s-rights-and-listen-what-they-say>

Schools need a clear vision for the new digital competence framework (12/07/18)

Schools leaders need to develop a clear vision about how best to prepare for the new digital skills framework being introduced as part of curriculum changes, according to Estyn, the education and training inspectorate.

In schools that are preparing well, leaders put their vision into practice by involving all staff and fostering positive attitudes towards the digital competence framework.

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/news/schools-need-clear-vision-new-digital-competence-framework>

Community groups provided with additional funding to tackle knife crime (02/08/18)

Today Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability Victoria Atkins confirmed that 67 charities across England and Wales will be provided extra funding from the Home Office's Anti-Knife Crime Community Fund.

The second round of the Community Fund opened in May 2018 and was originally set at £1m. Due to the number and quality of bids submitted, and as part of the government's commitment to early intervention and prevention to tackle serious violence, the funding has been increased to over £1.5m.

These successful bids, which were selected due to their commitment to educating young people about the dangers of carrying weapons, are set to receive up to £30,000 each.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/community-groups-provided-with-additional-funding-to-tackle-knife-crime>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/anti-knife-crime-community-fund-successful-bids-for-2018-to-2019>

Sport a pillar of youth rehabilitation
(11/08/18)

Justice Minister Edward Argar has published an independent review of sport and physical education in the youth justice system.

- leading academic highlights the power of sport in transforming lives of young offenders
- community partnerships to support the development of sport and physical activity in custody
- offenders engaging in structured programmes learn self-discipline, team work and leadership and communication skills – all crucial for a successful life on the outside

The review, authored by Professor Rosie Meek, was commissioned to identify best practice across the estate and highlights the vital role that sport can play in rehabilitation and reducing reoffending.

In addition to Professor Meek's review, the MoJ has published its response which highlights the steps that will be taken to boost sporting provision in prison.

Many of the sporting programmes currently delivered across the youth estate help offenders to get vocational qualifications and provide them with tangible employment prospects on release.

The review highlights how engaging in structured programmes can help to teach offenders self-discipline, team

leadership - crucial skills for a successful and crime-free life in the community.

Team sport was shown to improve mental and physical health, helping young people with often complex behavioural issues to change their attitudes and lifestyles.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/sport-a-pillar-of-youth-rehabilitation-minister-publishes-independent-review>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-sporting-chance-an-independent-review-of-sport-in-justice>

An assessment of Independent Child Trafficking Advocates: Interim findings (30/07/18)

Independent Child Trafficking Advocates (ICTAs) provide specialist independent support for trafficked children, in addition to existing statutory service provision.

This report presents interim findings at the halfway point of the assessment. In the first year, 215 children were referred into the service, most were aged 16 or 17 and the most common nationality of children referred was British, followed by Vietnamese. Interim findings provide early insights into how ICTAs' work varied between different groups of children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/an-assessment-of-independent-child-trafficking-advocates-interim-findings>

Legal aid for unaccompanied and separated children (01/08/18)

Guidance for Exceptional Case Funding caseworkers regarding legal aid for unaccompanied and separated children.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/legal-aid-for-unaccompanied-and-separated-children>

Home Secretary launches and doubles the early intervention youth fund (30/07/18)

More projects to steer young people away from serious violence will be supported by the government after the Home Secretary announced the doubling of the early intervention youth fund.

The scheme, which opens for bids today, is a key commitment in the Serious Violence Strategy, and will allow communities to intervene early in the lives of more vulnerable young people.

The government will double the funding, which was originally set at £11m. Now £22m of Home Office money will be made available to support vital early intervention work in England and Wales over the next 2 years.

Police and Crime Commissioners who work in partnership with Community Safety Partnerships or the equivalent can bid for funding to deliver projects which steer young people away from violent crime.

It is a prime example of the public health - or multiple strand - approach set out in the strategy, which is aimed at

addressing the causes of violence.

Robust policing remains very important, but the Home Office is also working in partnership with a range of key sectors, such as education, local government, health and social services, to tackle serious violence.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-launches-and-doubles-the-early-intervention-youth-fund>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-intervention-youth-fund>

Independent review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (30/07/18)

The HO announces plans to launch an independent review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. It comes as new HO research reveals the devastating impact of modern slavery.

Each instance of the crime is estimated to cost around £330,000, including the cost of support, lost earnings and law enforcement but most significantly the physical and emotional harms suffered by individuals, who are often exploited over months and sometimes years. This places each modern slavery crime as second only to homicide in terms of harm to its victims and society.

The review aims to strengthen the UK's ongoing response and accelerate progress from Government and businesses in eradicating modern slavery.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-commissions-independent-review-of-the-modern-slavery-act-2015>

Children affected by domestic abuse to benefit from £8m fund (21/07/18)

The fund gives charities, LAs and other organisations the chance to bid for money for projects designed to intervene early to help children who have been directly or indirectly affected by domestic abuse.

Domestic abuse ruins the lives of its victims with more than 2m people subjected to this terrible crime each year.

However, NSPCC statistics show that as many as 1 in 5 children in the UK are also witness to or exposed to this horrible crime during childhood. Some 25% of girls and 18% of boys aged 13 to 17 have reported having experienced some form of physical violence from an intimate partner.

Those children affected by domestic abuse in their early years are 4 times more likely to go on and experience or perpetrate domestic abuse later in life. Further studies have also concluded that children affected by domestic abuse are at greater risk of falling into substance abuse, juvenile pregnancy and criminal behaviour than those raised in homes without violence.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/children-affected-by-domestic-abuse-to-benefit-from-8-million-fund>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-affected-by-domestic-abuse-fund>



Allegations of CSA in Rotherham: Wanless and Whittam QC review (17/07/18)

An independent review into information passed to the Home Office in connection with allegations of child sexual abuse in Rotherham (1998-2005).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/allegations-of-child-sexual-abuse-in-rotherham-wanless-and-whittam-qc-review>

Indecent images of children campaign: supporter pack (13/07/18)

How you can support the Home Office's campaign to educate young men on the law relating to indecent images of children online.

To better protect potential victims and reduce demand on the criminal justice system, the campaign aims to:

- prevent offending before it occurs
- disrupt the escalation of harmful offending behaviour

The supporter pack includes more information about the campaign and materials you can use such as videos, posters, infographics and social media messages.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/indecnt-images-of-children-campaign-supporter-pack>

Measles outbreaks across England

(06/08/18)

Public Health England is advising the public to ensure they have had 2 doses of MMR vaccine after outbreaks of measles are confirmed across England.

Between 1 January 2018 and 6 August 2018 there have been 807 laboratory confirmed measles cases in England. Cases were reported in most areas with London (281), the South-East (166), South-West (139), West Midlands (84) and Yorkshire and Humberside (75) reporting the most cases (based on provisional figures).

The increase in measles circulation is mainly associated with travel to and from Europe where there are large ongoing measles outbreaks.

Young people and adults aged 15 and over who missed out on MMR vaccine when they were younger and some under-vaccinated communities have been particularly affected.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness that can sometimes lead to serious complications and can be fatal in very rare cases.

Anyone who has not received 2 doses of MMR vaccine is at risk, but young people in environments with close mixing such as festivals are more at risk, as well as unvaccinated people travelling to Romania and Italy, where there are currently large outbreaks. Anyone planning to travel to Europe

should check NaTHNaC travel health advice.

PHE local health protection teams are working closely with the NHS and local authorities to raise awareness with health professionals and local communities.

The MMR vaccine is available to all adults and children who are not up to date with their two doses.

Anyone who is not sure if they are fully vaccinated should check with their GP practice who can advise them.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/measles-outbreaks-across-england>

Childhood Flu Vaccination

Programme: primary school age children (08/08/18)

User guide for data collection as part of the Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme, in primary school age children from 2018 to 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childhood-flu-vaccination-programme-in-primary-school-age-children>

Childhood flu programme: information for healthcare practitioners (24/07/18)

Provides information on the flu vaccination programme for children, the vaccine and how to administer it.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childhood-flu-programme-qa-for-healthcare-professionals>

National child measurement programme (NCMP): trends in child BMI (26/07/18)

This report uses NCMP data to examine the changes in children's body mass index (BMI) between 2006 to 2007 and 2015 to 2016.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-ncmp-trends-in-child-bmi>

Child development outcomes at 2 to 2 and a half years: 2017 to 2018 (26/07/18)

Quarterly and annual LA metrics on outcomes for children at 2 to 2 and a half years as measured by the Ages and Stages Questionnaire 3 (ASQ-3).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-development-outcomes-at-2-to-2-and-a-half-years-metrics-2017-to-2018>

Protecting children during outbreaks: immunisation in schools (12/07/18)

Guidance on outbreaks in schools including why immunisations are offered to protect children and consent advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-during-outbreaks-immunisation-in-schools>

Cafcass - Public Law data

In July 2018, Cafcass received a total of 1,224 new care applications. This figure is 1.8% lower than July 2017.

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/research-and-data/public-law-data/>

Cafcass - Private Law data

In July 2018, Cafcass received a total of 3,768 new private law cases. This is 4.2% higher than July 2017.

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/research-and-data/private-law-data/>

International parental child abduction (24/07/18)

Guidance on what you can do and who to contact if your child has been taken or kept overseas by their other parent or a relative without your permission.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-parental-child-abduction>

Select Committee - Forgotten children: alternative provision and the scandal of ever increasing exclusions (25/07/18)

Alternative provision is a broad term and imperfectly describes a wide variety of types of school or educational settings. Our inquiry scope included PRUs; alternative provision academies and free schools; hospital schools; and alternative provision delivered by charities and other organisations as well as independent or un-registered schools.

Our inquiry shines a spotlight on the unfairness that some pupils experience and the challenges that many face, and stresses where improvements are needed to ensure that pupils in alternative provision are not ignored and left to languish in poor quality provision.

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmeduc/342/34202.htm>

Online abuse and the experience of disabled people: draft recommendations for consultation
(03/8/18)

Our inquiry into online abuse and the experience of disabled people was prompted by a petition by Katie Price, signed by more than 200,000 people. Her petition calls for a specific criminal offence to cover online abuse and a register of offenders. It talks about online abuse directed at people from all backgrounds, but also highlights the shocking abuse directed at her disabled son, Harvey.

In our inquiry, we have come across some examples of good practice in attempting to meet the needs of disabled people and their families. More often, though, we found that disabled people were not being consulted or even considered. This was particularly apparent in the very disappointing evidence we received from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and heard from social media companies. We do not intend to make the mistake of ignoring disabled people here.

We release our draft recommendations as a special report to allow us to consult disabled people and their families. These draft recommendations come from our conversations with and evidence from disabled people, the police, social media companies and legal experts. We will consult online and offline in August and September 2018 to ensure that our final



recommendations have the support of disabled people and their families.
<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmcompetitions/1459/145902.htm>
<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmcompetitions/1459/1459-large-print.pdf>
<https://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons-committees/petitions/1459-easy-read.pdf>

The Independent Inquiry into CSA

Inquiry publishes report into Ampleforth and Downside (09/08/18)

The IICSA has published its report into the Ampleforth and Downside hearings, as part of its investigation into the Roman Catholic Church.

The report highlights the evidence heard by the Inquiry of appalling sexual abuse inflicted over decades on children as young as seven at Ampleforth and 11 at Downside.

It also concludes that there was a culture of acceptance of abusive behaviour and the prioritisation of monks and their reputations over the protection of children.
<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-publishes-report-ampleforth-and-downside>

Inquiry announces further seminar on mandatory reporting (02/08/18)

Further to the seminar on mandatory reporting on 27 September, the Inquiry is today announcing that it will hold a second seminar in April 2019. The first seminar will look at existing obligations to report CSA in England and Wales, and at the experiences of other countries where mandatory reporting legislation exists.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-announces-further-seminar-mandatory-reporting>

Inquiry quarterly statistics (30/07/18)

The IICSA has published statistics which provide an update on the Inquiry's three core projects - the Truth Project, investigations and public hearings and research.

The statistics will be published quarterly and are accurate to 30 June 2018.

They include over 6,000 expressions of interest, and over 1,400 accounts received to the Truth Project.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-quarterly-statistics-0>

SI 2018/893 - The Social Workers Regulations 2018 (24/07/18)

These Regulations are made pursuant to Part 2 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 ("the Act"), which made changes to the way in which social workers in England are regulated.

In particular the Act established a



body corporate, Social Work England, as the regulator of social workers in England in place of the Health and Care Professions Council.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/893/contents/made>

SI 2018/901 - The Independent Educational Provision in England (Provision of Information) and Non-Maintained Special Schools (England) and Independent School Standards (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (27/07/18)

These Regulations replace the Education (Independent Educational Provision in England) (Provision of Information) Regulations 2010 and in so doing set out the requirements for an application for registration, an initial return and an annual return.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/901/contents/made>

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School inspections and outcomes: management information (10/08/18)

Management information published monthly and a one-off publication of inspections and outcomes from 2005 to 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/monthly-management-information-ofsteds-school-inspections-outcomes>

FE and skills inspections and outcomes: Dec 15 - Aug 18 (10/08/18)

Management information showing in-year and most recent inspection outcomes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/monthly-management-information-ofsted-further-education-and-skills-inspections-outcomes-from-december-2015>

Register as a provider of children's social care services (06/08/18)

Information for social care providers and managers on how to register with Ofsted as well as separate guidance to help with online applications.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-registration-for-childrens-social-care-services>

Inspecting independent schools: pre-registration and material change inspections (06/08/18)

A leaflet for registered and proposed new independent schools outlining what Ofsted inspectors will look at.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-independent-schools-pre-registration-and-material-change-inspections>

How Ofsted will select new schools for inspection (06/08/18)

Information on how Ofsted will select new schools, including academies and free schools, for inspection starting from the 2015 to 2016 academic year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-ofsted-will-inspect-academy-schools-including-free-schools>

Local area SEND inspection outcome letters (06/08/18)

Outcome letters from inspections of local area services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspection-outcome-letters>

Non-association independent school inspection handbook (03/08/18)

Guidance for inspecting non-association independent schools under the common inspection framework.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/non-association-independent-school-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015>

Additional inspections of independent schools: handbook for inspectors (03/08/18)

This document provides guidance to help Ofsted inspectors in carrying out additional inspections of independent schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/conducting-additional-inspections-of-independent-schools>

Joint inspections of the response to children living with domestic abuse (03/08/18)

Inspection guidance and reports on the multi-agency response to children living with domestic abuse.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-the-response-to-children-living-with-domestic-abuse>

Children's homes inspections and outcomes: management information (26/07/18)

Management information published quarterly in the interests of transparency.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/quarterly-management-information-ofsted-childrens-homes-inspection-outcomes>

Schools not 'silver bullet' to tackling childhood obesity (18/07/18)

Ofsted has released a report on obesity, healthy eating and physical activity in primary schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-not-silver-bullet-to-tackling-childhood-obesity>

Children's home: do you need to register? (18/07/18)

What you need to know about registering with Ofsted if you want to open or manage a children's home.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/how-to-open-a-childrens-home>

School inspection handbook

(17/07/18)

Guidance for inspecting schools under the common inspection framework, with a mythbuster document on common misconceptions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015>



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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspection-outcome-letters>

Social care commentary: multi-agency safeguarding arrangements (10/07/18)

Ofsted's National Director of Social Care, Yvette Stanley, discusses the important ingredients for multi-agency safeguarding arrangements to improve the response to children in need of help and protection.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/social-care-commentary-multi-agency-safeguarding-arrangements>

Inspecting multi-agency safeguarding arrangements (10/07/18)

Guidance on how Ofsted, the Care Quality Commission and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services inspect safeguarding arrangements.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-multi-agency-safeguarding-arrangements>

Joint inspections of CSE and missing children (09/07/18)

Inspection guidance and reports on the multi-agency response to child sexual exploitation, children associated with gangs and at risk of exploitation and missing children.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-child-sexual-exploitation-and-missing-children?utm_source=1fe1e6b9-3af6-4d14-bc17-190312219d05&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

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Three in four young carers feel lonely in the summer holidays (02/08/18)

Our research, developed with the Carers Trust, shows that 72% of young carers feel lonely during the summer holidays.

We surveyed young carers under 18, which found nearly half spend more than four hours a day during the summer caring for a relative – the equivalent of losing an entire week of their holidays. And while many families are enjoying quality time together on a trip away, thousands of young carers are stuck at home – shockingly, one in five said they have never been on a summer holiday with their family.

With so much time taken up caring for loved ones and less time to relax, more than two thirds feel more stressed or worried during the holidays; while more than half worry about talking about what they did in the summer break when they go back to school.



There are an estimated 700,000 children and young people across the UK caring for a family member with a disability, illness or mental health problem - some as young as five years old.

<https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news-and-blogs/whats-new/2018/august/three-in-four-young-carers-feel-lonely-in-the-summer-holidays/>

Secure children's homes: how to place a child aged under 13 (23/07/18)

What local authorities need to do to place a child under 13 in a secure children's home, and guidance on when it is appropriate to do so.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/secure-childrens-homes-how-to-place-a-child-aged-under-13?utm_source=55ce6475-a0fd-4f42-978e-38dbf9ac53df&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

Consultations

Relationships (and sex) education and health education (19/07/18)

DfE is seeking views on draft regulations, statutory guidance and a regulatory impact assessment for relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education.

DfE is proposing that schools are required to teach relationships education at primary school, relationships and sex education at secondary school and health education at all state-funded schools.

The draft regulations and associated statutory guidance build on the findings from the call for evidence and DfE's engagement with a wide range of expert organisations and interested parties.

The responses to the consultation will help inform any further refining of the draft regulations and statutory guidance before the regulations are put before Parliament and the guidance finally published.

Closing date: 7th November 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/relationships-and-sex-education-and-health-education>

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/pshe/relationships-education-rse-health-education/>



Consultation outcome - Changes to teaching of sex and relationship education, and PSHE (19/07/18)

The government's response to the call for evidence on PSHE is included in the relationships education, relationships and sex education and health education consultation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-teaching-of-sex-and-relationship-education-and-pshe>

Amendments to Family Procedure Rules: vulnerable witnesses and children (03/08/15)

This consultation closed on 25 September 2015 and has been concluded. The newly inserted rules were implemented in November 2017. The rules can be accessed at the Justice website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/amendments-to-family-procedure-rules-vulnerable-witnesses-and-children>

Conferences

Prioritising workforce wellbeing in schools

20th September 2018 London
Free - £345 + VAT

Amid difficulties with recruitment and retention in schools and with staff stress on the rise, it is increasingly important to focus on improving workforce wellbeing. Good wellbeing is also a vital component in ensuring increased engagement and productivity.

This one-day event will provide information about how you can promote wellbeing in all its forms as an organisation, and what is being done at a national level to address this issue.

Topics covered will include:

- A better work-life balance from the start – designing quality flexible and part-time working opportunities in schools
- Raising retention through reducing teacher workload
- Securing the financial wellbeing of staff
- Embedding a wellbeing culture in schools

[https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=199861&eventID=591&CSPCHD=001001000000OTb7VCcSzanGT2zcJMKVpNLH8w\\$LiwaNX0Ms1U](https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=199861&eventID=591&CSPCHD=001001000000OTb7VCcSzanGT2zcJMKVpNLH8w$LiwaNX0Ms1U)



Saving Young Lives - Preventing Suicide in Young People & Children

21st September 2018 London
£300 - £495 + VAT

This conference will give you an opportunity to hear from expert speakers on how your service can reduce preventable suicides and save young lives.

Through national updates including a presentation from Emma Thomas, CEO, Young Minds, case studies from multi-agency settings and personal story insight, this conference aims to set the scene for progress already being made and what needs to change to implement the National Inquiry key recommendations, in line with the Five Year Forward View for improved young people's mental health care.

<http://www.tacinterconnections.com/index.php/allnews/events/2946-saving-young-lives-preventing-suicide-in-young-people-children-national-cpd-conference-friday-21-september-2018-london-uk>

<https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/preventing-suicide-in-young-people-and-children>

Conferences

Healthy child healthy future: a whole council approach to childhood obesity

26th September 2018 London

Free - £345 + VAT

Childhood obesity is one of the biggest health challenges of the 21st century. At the start of primary school, one in 10 children are obese and by the end, that has increased to one in five. If you include those who are overweight, the rates rise to a more than a fifth and a third respectively.

The government in England published its next chapter of the child obesity plan over the summer, with the bold ambition to halve child obesity by 2030.

We know that those growing up in the most deprived communities are at the greatest risk. The chances of being obese are about twice that of those who live in the least deprived areas. It is an 'obesity gap' that has been getting wider over the past decade.

We are seeing councils up and down the country trying a host of innovative approaches in a wide variety of ways, and different partners, that the sector is working with their colleagues in planning to not only restrict takeaways, but also working proactively to ensure new developments take into account health and wellbeing. Some are focussing on getting children physically active – the



latest figures suggest less than one in four children are achieving the required levels.

Meanwhile, others are concentrating on food and diet. In doing so, they are forging important partnerships with early years settings, schools, community groups and local businesses.

Join us for the child obesity conference where expert speakers will discuss the latest approaches to the growing challenges in public health. Understand the underlying causes of obesity and how to combat them, observe methods for influencing behaviour and improving public health through prevention and see how different councils can collaborate to find solutions to the obesity problem.
<https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=199524&eventID=590>

Conferences (continued)

National Children and Adult Services Conference

14th – 16th November 2018 Manchester
£130 - £475 + VAT

The NCASC is widely regarded as the most prestigious event in the calendar for elected members and senior managers in local authorities with responsibility for, or an interest in, the provision of effective services for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

This event is vital to councillors, directors, senior officers, directors of public health, policy makers and service managers, indeed any individual or organisation with responsibilities for children and adults in the statutory, voluntary and private sector. The Conference is the annual opportunity for those with an interest in social care, children's services, education, health and related fields to meet.

There will be a mix of keynote and ministerial addresses as well as significant plenary sessions by key players in the adult, children and education sectors.
<http://ncasc.info/>



Modern Slavery: Disruption and Community Safety

21st November 2018 London
Free - £345 +VAT

Modern slavery is a shocking crime, often hidden in plain sight in the businesses that we use and in the homes that we live next door to. There are more than 40 million people in modern slavery across the world now, and tens of thousands in the UK. The Government has called it the “gravest human rights abuse of our time”.

Councils have a key role to play in tackling modern slavery through disruption activities. This could be through licensing, regulation, housing or community safety services. This event will provide practical examples of work that has been undertaken already and members will hear from experts in their field about tackling the issue.

<https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=212165&eventID=627>

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